National Highways that are unfit for traffic movement

1736. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many segments of National Highways laid recently had become unfit for traffic movements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the contractors of National Highway projects are not following the quality norms of the NHAI; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) National Highways segments constructed recently are in traffic worthy condition.

(c) and (d) The quality norms as per the contract agreement are being followed by the contractors appointed by NHAI.

Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway

1737. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) after declaration in the Parliament regarding taking up the progress of the work of Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway;

(b) the phases of the planning and implementation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the land in 300 m. width along the proposed alignment of Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway is frozen by State Government long back in 1991; if so, by when the acquisition would start; and

(d) Government's plan for starting of the construction of proposed Expressway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The bids have been invited from consultants for preparation of feasibility report for Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway.